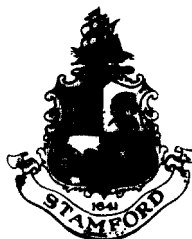


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Mr. Bill Caton, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room 222  
1919 M. Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Petition for Rule Making. No. 8577  
Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association's Petition for  
Rule Making dated December 22, 1994

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Dear Mr. Caton:

The Stamford Health Department requests that the Federal Communications Commission deny the above referenced petition for rule making requesting the Commission to issue a Notice of Rule Making proposing to preempt state and local governments from enforcing zoning and other similar regulations which have the purpose or effect of barring or impeding commercial mobile radio service ("CMRS") providers from locating and constructing new towers.

We wish to retain local control in approving antenna applications given the rapidly evolving nature of research and health concerns in electromagnetic radiation and the exploding technology and markets which will increase human exposure to electromagnetic fields. Recent reports of untoward health outcomes from electromagnetic radiation heighten our concern.

We also feel that it is inappropriate for the FCC to preempt in view of the fact that the Environmental Protection Agency is recommencing research on the issue of electromagnetic radiation exposure standards and has requested the FCC not to adopt the C95.1 - 1992 ANSI Standard.

On April 4, 1974, the City of Stamford promulgated an ordinance concerning transmitting antennas. The ordinance regulates antennas with greater than five watts input into the antenna array (frequency range 0.3 MHz - 100,000 MHz.)

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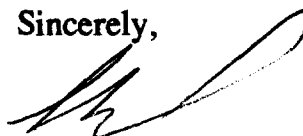
In spite of initial concerns by applicants and citizens, our experience with this ordinance has been highly satisfactory and we wish to point out its attributes:

- Information on antenna applications and installations are available to the public at the local level.
- This is an opportunity for our citizens to share questions and concerns through a public hearing.
- A panel of three leading experts, chosen by both the industry and Health Department, reviews applications with specific attention to projected power density levels and public health.
- The Health Department conducts a survey of proposed locations, to assess areas of possible human exposure. Particular attention is given a common situation where other antennas at the site contribute to the total power density. Precautions restrict public access to antenna locations.
- The Health Director provides advisory comments to Stamford's land use agencies.
- Use of antennas require an annual permit and the Health Department conducts quarterly power density measurements at each site.
- Responsibility for enforcing our ordinance actively involves health department attention in public health issues relating to electromagnetic fields.

In the ten years that this ordinance has been in effect, all applications for antennas have been approved. The ordinance provides an opportunity to satisfactorily resolve the concerns of both the community and the communications industry.

The FCC should not abrogate or preempt local jurisdiction, concern and commitment to the public health.

Sincerely,



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